



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter Friday 2nd May 2025



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

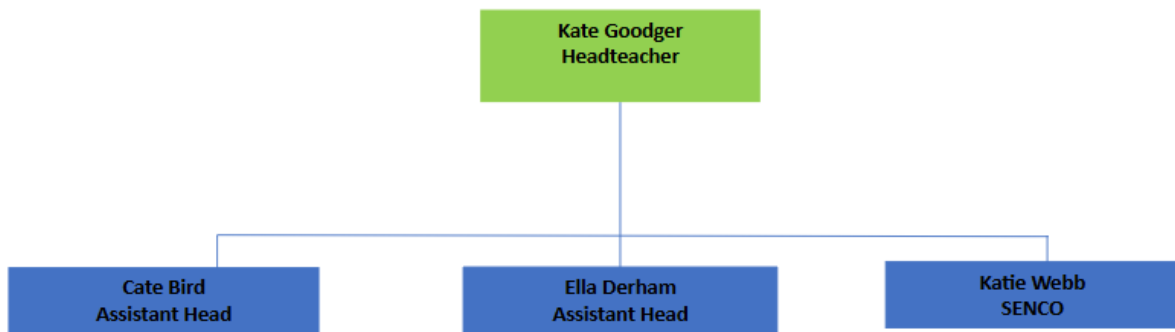
Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

We have had a very hot and busy week here at High Ash! I have had the privilege of being able to visit classes this week to look at learning. The children have been busy immersing themselves in their learning - I have been very impressed with many children's writing. *'I am a clever writer'* is really supporting our children to make progress and really craft their skills of writing. This week we have welcomed our Local Authority Early Years Advisor in to look at all that is happening in Acorns and she was really impressed with how the children are: self selecting their learning, their vocabulary, how they are building on their learning and making links with previous learning. We also welcomed our External School Advisor into school for his final visit this academic year - he is very impressed with the teachers pedagogy and the way they are sequencing learning for the children. He commented on how far the school has come in the last 12 months. This was great to hear as we are always working hard to make improvements and ensure that in our next Ofsted inspection we are a good school.

Staffing update...

This term we have moved to our new leadership structure of:



Mrs Bird is responsible for Early Years and Key Stage 1 and Mrs Derham (Miss Whitehead) is responsible for Key Stage 2. Miss Katie Webb is our SENCo.

VE Day reminder...

To commemorate **VE Day on Thursday 8th May**, we are asking all children to wear red, white, and blue. This day marks the end of World War II in Europe, celebrating peace and remembrance. It's a meaningful opportunity for children to learn about history and honour those who served, which we will be marking in both whole school and class reflections. Please make your donations to the Royal British Legion, who support veterans, by following this link to our Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/high-ash-2>



Year 5/6 Football Game, Tue 29 Apr...

The team took on St Michaels on a gloriously sunny Tuesday afternoon at Stewkley Recreational Park. As we started the match, High Ash got off to a good start with good passing and almost scoring. A couple minutes later Leo scored the opening goal, slotting in the bottom corner, after a sequence of build-up play, involving Bertie and Senara down the right wing. Then, St Michaels took their centre and it was soon a corner for High Ash which resulted in Leo scoring again. With about five minutes left in the first half, St Michaels got their first chance to score a goal in the game but it was saved by Henry K. This half ended with a 2-0 lead for High Ash.

After a brief team talk from our captain, we restarted with Jerrold now in goal. High Ash started the half earning another corner, with Jacob scoring it to make it 3-0. After a through ball to Jacob, he was clean through but then collided with St Michaels goalkeeper to get a penalty. Leo stepped up to take the penalty, scoring again! A few minutes later, another goal went in, followed by another from Kimi. This match ended 7-0, which was a brilliant victory for the whole team (Jerrold, Campbell, Kimi, Senara, Leo, Henry, Bertie and Jacob).

Thank you to all of the parents for transporting us and supporting us throughout the game.

By Leo, Jerrold and Henry



Learning highlights this week...

Acorns

We have continued our learning about animals this week by looking at the story 'Walking through the Jungle' and 'Rumble in the Jungle'. We created mini me models using photos and explored building our own jungles with small world wild animal toys and walking our mini me's through the jungle. We have told the story thinking about which animals we might find and meet as well as how we would move through the jungle. We explored movement words such as 'wading' and 'leaping'.

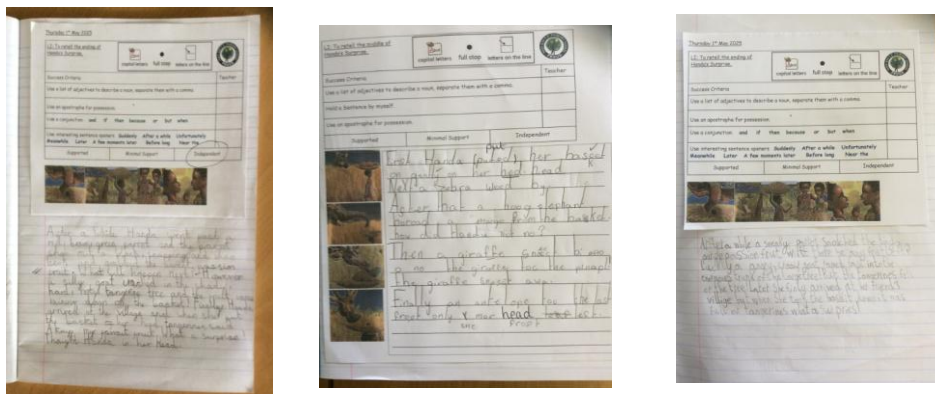
Acorns continued their work on 2D shapes this week by looking at shape position and arrangements. We looked at 'flipping', 'rotating' and 'turning' shapes to get them into a position on an arrangement. We then put this into practice by using our geo shape boards and shapes. We also looked at the composition and decomposition of shapes and how some shapes can be found in other shapes. We had a rectangle of card each and cut it in half into two triangles, we then combined them to make a larger triangle.

This week we have also enjoyed the beautiful weather and spent time in our outside area. We have played in the sand, built with the construction and gone on treasure and bug hunts. We also explored what brings us joy! We talked about it and drew pictures of what makes us feel happy.



Year One and Two-
Wow! What an amazingly creative week we have had in KS1!

In English, we have been exploring the story of Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne. In Year 1, we have been learning how to write question sentences, which start with Who or Where. In Year 2, the children have been learning to use a comma to separate adjectives to describe.



In Maths, Year 1 and 2 have been busy exploring measurement. Year 1 have been measuring length and height in centimetres and non-standard units, whilst Year 2 have been exploring mass. We have all enjoyed practically applying our skills outside in the outdoor classroom.



In Music, we have started our unit looking at pitch patterns. We learnt how to differentiate between a high and low pitch and then apply this to playing notes on the chime bars.



In Art, we designed and created our final project of a clay tile house! We independently applied all of our clay skills to try to make sure our final piece of art closely matched our plans.



Year Three and Four-

In Year 3 and 4 this week, we have been looking at the skills we would need to use to participate well in a game of cricket.



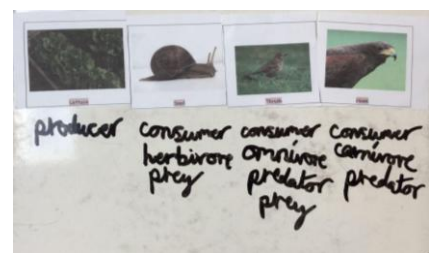
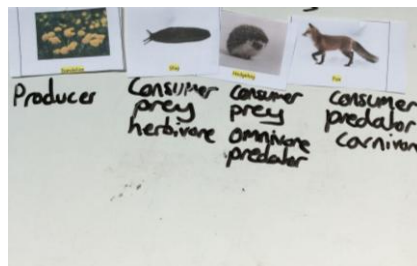
Our Art focussed on working collaboratively to develop drawings into prints. We experimented with various printing techniques - using bubble wrap, thin polystyrene sheets, acetate and also created blocks to print using art straws and cardboard. In small groups, we produced our finished work on cardboard or cotton - repeating the patterns we had designed.



In French, we were learning about names of fruits. We had to go on a word hunt to find the words and predict which English fruit they were.

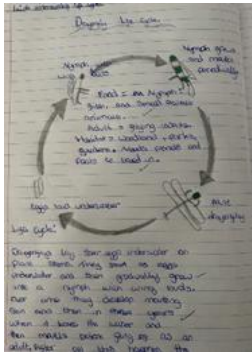


In Science, we have looked at food chains. We arranged the animals in order and then labelled them with producer or consumer, predator or prey. Also, we examined different animals' faeces to determine if they were herbivores, omnivores or carnivores.



Year Five and Six-

It's been a busy and exciting week in Year 5/6, full of hands-on learning and exploration across the curriculum!



In science, the children have been deepening their understanding of life cycles and the reproduction processes of both animals and plants. Through engaging activities and discussions, they've explored how different species grow and reproduce, developing a solid grasp of the biological processes involved.

In computing, the class has been learning how to program using Micro:bits. They've been experimenting with sensing equipment, writing code to gather and display data. This hands-on experience with real-world technology has been lots of fun and incredibly engaging for everyone involved.

Meanwhile, in DT lessons, we've been using Chromebooks to research the ideal enclosures for various animals. Each student has chosen a specific animal and is now using their research to help them design a case for a temperature sensor—an important step in creating a smart, comfortable environment for their chosen creature.



We have been taking full advantage of the glorious weather whilst practicing our cricket and tennis skills in PE. In cricket, we have been working on our fielding and building our accuracy when throwing.



It's been a packed week, but the enthusiasm and learning in the classroom have been fantastic. Well done, Year 5/6!

Attendance...

This week's attendance is 96%, please keep on sending the children into school!

HASA Events...

HASA have arranged a **Bag 2 School collection** for the morning of **Thursday 22nd May**. See flyer attached. Bags will be sent home with you child next week.

Saturday 21st June - Summer Fayre. Save the date and see flyer attached. Further information will follow in due course.

Diary Dates for w-c 06/05/25...

Tuesday 6th May, 3.40-4.30pm - Y5/6 Football game v North Marston (Home)

Wednesday 7th May, 10.00-12.00pm - Year 5/6 Quadkids Athletics event at Cottesloe

Thursday 8th May - VE Day, children to wear red, white and blue clothing.

Friday 9th May - F/KS1 Star Assembly at 2.55pm, doors open at 2.45pm. Invitation only.

Have a great weekend.

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